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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

John L. de Ris, et al.

Serial No.: 10/681,175

Group Art Unit: 2859

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Examiner: Pruchnic, Stanley J.

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MEASURING ABSORBED HEAT FLUX IN A  
FIRE TEST APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action mailed on November 9, 2004, which is currently set to expire on February 9, 2005, be extended for three months, up to and including May 9, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the petition fee is attached. If the Commissioner finds that additional fees are required or that a refund is in order, he is authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0562. An additional copy of this paper is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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